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**Remarks**

Applicants thank Examiner Brown for the courtesy of a telephone interview and for an indication that the amendments presented herein place the claims in condition for allowance.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

**I. Amendments**

Claim 8 stands cancelled.

Claim 1 is amended for proper antecedent basis.

Claim 7 is amended to include the step of adding a labeled ligand by electrokinetic means, and to clarify that the effect of the compound of interest is determined by detecting the presence of the labeled ligand. Support for these amendments can be found in original claim 8.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims pending are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested.

No fees are believed necessary with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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